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Dear Mr. Davenport:

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON DOE/RL-97-11, REV. 0, PHASE I FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR
THE CANYON DISPOSITION INITIATIVE (221-U FACILITY)**

The purpose of this correspondence is to confirm that your comments on the Phase I Feasibility Study for the Canyon Disposition Initiative (221-U Facility), have been received by the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL).

Comments received regarding your preference to alternative 6 are appreciated; however, the Phase I Feasibility Study is not a final decision. Further, detailed analysis is required and will be documented in a Final Feasibility Study for the 221-U Facility and an alternative will then be recommended.

Comments provided do not require the feasibility study to be revised; however, the comments will be provided in the administrative record file for the 221-U Facility. The suggestion regarding a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act permit for the disposal facility will be pursued if an entombment option is selected. Your comments provide valuable input in recognition of the options for disposition of the 221-U Facility.

Thank you for taking the time to review this feasibility study. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me on (509) 373-2282.

Sincerely,

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